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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

ENERGY NORTHWEST

# PACIFIC MOUNTAIN ENERGY CENTER POWER PROJECT

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I, Roger Cole declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct.

1. I have been a resident of Vancouver, WA for my entire life, and I have been an active member of the Sierra Club since about 2001. Sierra Club is a national environmental organization founded in 1892 and is devoted to the study and protection of the earth's scenic and ecological resources. Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. Sierra Club uses all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

2. Sierra Club has roughly 760,000 members in 60 chapters across the United States and Canada, including chapters in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, with its headquarters located in San Francisco, California. I am a member of the Loo Wit Group subgroup of the Cascade Chapter of Sierra Club. The Loo Wit subgroup includes approximately 1,600 members. Sierra Club is also a member of NW Energy Coalition.

3. Combating the causes and effects of global climate change has been at the forefront of Sierra Club's advocacy for some time. Currently, Sierra Club is engaged on the national, state, and local levels to curb emissions from current sources and prohibit increased greenhouse gas emissions from new sources. Sierra Club is committed to combating climate change by promoting renewable energy development and reducing the nation's dependence on fossil fuel combustion for energy generation. For example, one of Sierra Club's goals is to convince individual states, including Washington, to commit to increasing their electric efficiency by at least 2 percent per year. Sierra Club has also expended considerable resources opposing construction of new coal plants across the nation, cleaning up existing plants,

protecting the Arctic Refuge, coastal waters, and other sensitive lands from coal, oil, and gas development, and promoting the job-creation potential of clean energy.

4. On a state and local level, Sierra Club has been involved with the cool cities program initiated by Seattle mayor Greg Nickels to lower greenhouse gas emissions around the state. Sierra Club worked hard to pass I-937 to promote renewable energy development in Washington, even opening a temporary office here in Vancouver during the campaign. Sierra Club also supported and lobbied to pass ESSB 6001 and takes pride that the bill's sponsor, Senator Pridemore, is from Vancouver.


5. Like other Sierra Club members, I engage in a variety of outdoor recreation. I am a Sierra Club Outings leader, leading members and others on hikes primarily in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington. I am an avid hiker, camper, sailor, cross country skier and photographer. I also enjoy snowshoeing, canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, fishing, bicycling, swimming and caving. I pursue these activities in many areas in Southwest Washington, including the Columbia River and other parts of the state.

6. The Pacific Mountain Energy Center (PMEC), if built, will emit nearly six million tons of carbon dioxide annually. Those emissions will contribute to atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations. The effects of this increase both in the regional and nationally are by now well-known: as average temperatures rise, we will see further reduced snow pack, warmer water temperatures, and longer and more intense forest fire seasons in Washington State. Climate change diminishes my ability to pursue my recreational activities in both the winter and summer. For example, lower water flows and high water temperatures in local rivers and creeks during the summer make those waterways a hostile environment for already-stressed salmon populations. Fewer salmon impacts my ability to fish and enjoy the spectacular rivers and streams of

Southwestern Washington. Similarly, reduced snow pack, higher elevation snow lines, and shorter winters adversely impacts my ability to ski and snowshoe in places such as Mount Adams.

7. Because of these impacts and my concern that PMEC will exacerbate them, I have authorized the Sierra Club to represent my individual interest in this proceeding.

Executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, at Vancouver, Washington.

  
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